

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

November 17, 2017

### ***This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:***

- Mark Farber of the Energy Committee is providing assistance to Town staff to manage the net metering credit contract. The project is producing enough credits that it is time to look at selling the excess credits. Staff is determining the correct accounting procedures and then a proposal will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for the sale of the excess credits.
- Town staff met to discuss emergency preparedness with a focus on emergency and storm event procedures. Staff is working on an incident action plan for snow storms and will work with the Police procedures to develop a Town response for an unusual event.
- Selectmen, ZBA, CPC, Housing Authority and Planning Board members, and staff attended the sixth and final session of the Cape Housing Institute in Wellfleet. The series was very informative, especially because the Wellfleet sessions were geared toward Outer Cape communities, so the accompanying dialogue was specific to this region.
- Town departments are wrapping up their preliminary budget drafts. Budget Task Force meetings will begin December 18<sup>th</sup>. These are public meeting and citizens are encouraged to attend. The Budget Task Force meetings will be televised.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Tuesday, November 21, 2017-Truro Cemetery Commission at Truro Town Hall @ 10:00am
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017-Truro Board of Health at Truro Town Hall @ 4:30pm
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017-Truro Board of Selectmen Work Session at Truro Public Library @ 5:00pm

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- Truro's newest Police Officers, Andrew Starbard and Sara Lake, were among the 44 young men and women who graduated yesterday from the Plymouth Police Academy 64<sup>th</sup> Recruit Officers Course. Graduation exercises were held at the historic Plymouth Memorial Hall. These 44 dedicated men and woman completed 24 weeks of training and begin their careers today at various local police departments all over Massachusetts.
- Please join the Truro Police Department in extending our thanks and best wishes to these young Police Officers and their families. For the next 8 weeks, Officers Starbard and Lake will take part in the Truro Police Department Field Training and Evaluation Program under the direction and supervision of Department Field Training Officers. The mission of the Field Training and Evaluation Program is to provide new Police Officers with instruction, direction, supervision and guidance. It is also an opportunity to introduce new Police Officers to the community they serve. If you see them out and about, please say hello. Pictured in the Photo: Members of the Truro Police Department family with our newest Officers Andrew Starbard and Sara Lake (both in center).

#### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 6 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all, we responded to a total of 14 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Although posted in the last weekly report, due to its importance we would like to reiterate as we enter the holiday season reminding individuals to the dangers associated with cooking fires and burns. Thanksgiving is the #1 day for home fires followed by Christmas at #2. Below are some links that provide holiday cooking safety tips.
- Holiday Cooking Safety  
<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/dfs-press-releases/2016-dfs-press-releases/november-17-2016-state-fire-marshall-offers-thank-.html>
- Thanksgiving Cooking Safety  
<http://www.nfpa.org/thanksgiving>

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- The DPW staff along with Harbor Master Jacket have removed the floats from Pamet Harbor for the season.
- The Beach Office septic system Contract has been signed, and installation of the new system is planned for early May, pending funding approval at Town Meeting.
- The Transfer Station Contract to install a scale has been signed, and installation is planned for mid-December.
- A Facility evaluation of the Transfer Station Swap Shop has been conducted by DPW Director Cabral and Chief Collins. Further evaluations by Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe, and the Building Commissioner are tentatively planned for next week.
- The DPW has announced a sealed bid auction for organic material (Yard Waste) to be screened and removed from the Transfer Station.
- As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed the Friday after Thanksgiving November 24, 2017.
- Standard seasonal roadside brush clearing has begun; wood chips from roadside clearing will be available at the Transfer Station for any permitted resident for personal use only.
- All DPW snow removal assets have been inventoried and serviced for the upcoming season; all sanders have been installed in the larger vehicles for the duration of the winter season.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation

#### Ongoing Activities

- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
- The Pamet After-School program is open for new registrations for the 2017 – 2018 season.
- Community Pickleball – Saturdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
- Zumba Fitness – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center.
- NEW-Over 40 Coed Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Truro Central School.

#### Activities this week

- Online registration for Winter Youth Sports (basketball and cheerleading).
- Director Clements attended Executive Board meeting with the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association to discuss and plan for the future of the association.
- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018, all beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508)487-7548.

### Harbormaster

- There was a good turn-out at Pamet Harbor with people harvesting shellfish over the weekend. The temperature was in the low 40's with cooler temperatures starting.
- The remaining floats were removed from the basin and placed with the others along the outer edges of the parking lot.
- The Provincetown barge is scheduled to come into Pamet and haul out the heavy mooring blocks in the basin and place them up along the shore.
- The DPW crew removed the town floating docks and gangway from the harbor and stored them along the outer edge of the parking lot.
- Harbor Master Jackett pulled the smaller blocks in the tidal mooring field with the town boat, leaving only the navigational aids in the channel as preparations are made for the harbor for the Barnstable County Dredge.

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### Assessing

- The department is continuing with the FY18 Residential Exemption implementation and review process.
- The Deadline for Property Tax Abatement Applications is November 17, 2017 by 4:00 pm.
- Statutory Exemption and Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

### Council on Aging

- COA Outreach Services- The staff at the COA is available to provide information, referrals and support to Truro seniors and their families. Our Outreach Coordinator, Elton Cutler, will talk with you in your home, at the COA or by phone to help with any concerns you may have. He can also tell you more about the many programs and services offered by the COA.
- Please call for an appointment at 508-487-2462 if you would like to know more about the COA or are experiencing any of the following difficulties:
  - Living alone/need support services
  - Having problems of any kind
  - Need supportive counseling
  - Need transportation
  - Don't know where to turn for assistance
  - Would like to be more active
  - Worried about a loved one
  - Concerned about neglect or abuse of a senior
  - Have financial or health insurance questions
  - Considering a nursing home
- COA Café- Please join us for lunch on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm at the Council on Aging, 7 Standish Way, North Truro. Reservations are required and must be made on Mondays by 12:00 pm by calling 508-487-2462. Your meal will include coffee, tea, juice and homemade dessert and costs \$7.50 per person. If you would prefer to pick up a "To Go Meal" or homemade soup (\$4.00) please order by Monday at 12:00 pm and pick it up on Tuesday between 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

### Library

- The Friends of the Library have their yearly "Angel Tree" available for people who would like to help their less fortunate neighbors. You will receive the first name, age, and favorite color of a child and you will then purchase a hat, gloves, a book, and a toy for that child. Bring in those unwrapped items and the Friends will deliver the item to the Lower Cape Outreach.
- HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBRARY. The artist whose work will be displayed in the Anne H. Brock Community Room during November is Regan McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy has offered the proceeds from any sales during the month to the Friends of the Truro Library. The photos are priced at \$50.00 each.
- Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, is Truro Library Night at Montano's Restaurant. The Friends of the Truro Library will receive a portion of the proceeds from all meals served. Participating is a delicious way to support a great cause.
- Thanksgiving Hours: The library will close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The library WILL be open on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Administration

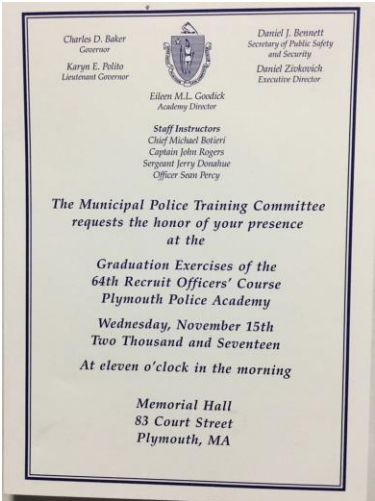
- To date, the office has sold 68 Annual shell fish permits. 10 of those permits are non-resident, the remaining 58 are resident. Sales have been brisk. We have also issued 26 permits to residents 62 years of age or older.

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Attachments

Police Graduation Invitation



Police Graduation



Removing Gangway from Pamet Harbor



Removing Floating Docks from Pamet Harbor

